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SUBJ: RESOLUTION ON US TRADE ACT

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1. THE RESOLUTION ON THE US TRADE ACT WAS APPROVED JUNE 22
BY CONSENSUS WITH TWO AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE US. WE THEN
MADE A STATEMENT EXPLAINING OUR SUPPORT FOR THE RESOLUTION.
IT CAME UP FOR CONSIDERATION SHORTLY AFTER RECEIPT OF
REFTEL SO THAT THERE WAS NO OPPORTUNITY TO RECONVENE THE WORKING
GROUP THAT HAD WORKED ON THE DRAFT. BY INFORMAL CONSULTATION
WITH SELECTED DELEGATIONS WE WERE ABLE TO GET SUPPORT FOR
AN ADDITION TO PARAGRAPH 6. WE WERE ONLY ABLE TO COVER THE
OTHER POINTS RAISED IN REFTEL IN OUR STATEMENT.

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2. THE PHRASE "IN ALL MATTERS IN WHICH THERE IS DISCRETION"
IS ADDED TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE RESOLUTION, SO
THAT IT READS IN ITS ENTIRELY AS FOLLOWS: "TO URGE THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN APPLYING THE PROVISIONS OF
THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 TO INTERPRET THE ACT'S PROVISIONS IN
ALL MATTERS IN WHICH THERE IS DISCRETION IN THE LIGHT OF
THE INTERESTS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW

TO ATTEMPTING NOT TO IMPOSE ESCAPE CLAUSE MEASURES AND OTHER MEASURES AGAINST ALLEGED UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES ON IMPORTS FROM LATIN AMERICA."

3. TWO NEW PARAGRAPHS ARE ADDED, ONE AS A WHEREAS CLAUSE AND ONE OPERATIVE, THAT COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER. THE NEW WHEREAS CLAUSE BECOMES THE FINAL WHEREAS CLAUSE, AS FOLLOWS: "THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IN THE UNITED STATES, HOWEVER, HAS COMMITTED ITSELF TO GIVING NEW IMPETUS TO THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND TO SEEKING AREAS OF MORE FAVORABLE AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR PRODUCTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHICH ARE PRIORITY OBJECTIVES OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES." THE NEW OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH IS PARAGRAPH 9, AS FOLLOWS: "TO TAKE NOTE OF THE POSITION ADOPTED BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THE SENSE OF GIVING NEW IMPETUS TO THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND TO SEEK AREAS OF MORE FAVORABLE AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR PRODUCTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHICH ARE PRIORITY OBJECTIVES OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES."

4. THE TEXT OF THE U.S. STATEMENT IS: "I AM MOST PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF MY DELEGATION. IT REPRESENTS A SERIOUS AND DETERMINED EFFORT BEGUN AT THE CECON MEETING IN BUENOS AIRES LAST MONTH TO ADDRESS THE SUBJECT OF TRADE AMONG OUR COUNTRIES IN A CONSILIATORY RATHER THAN A UNCLASSIFIED

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CONFRONTATIONAL SPIRIT.

THIS RESOLUTION CONCERNS SEVERAL IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF TRADE. PLEASE ALLOW ME TO COMMENT ON A FEW OF THESE POINTS.

FIRST OF ALL, ON A MATTER OF THE PROCEDURES UNDER THE U.S. TRADE ACT OF 1974, WITH REGARD TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3(D), I WISH TO POINT OUT THAT THE CURRENT REVIEW OF GSP MENTIONED ELSEWHERE IN THE RESOLUTION IS NOT YET COMPLETED. THUS WHILE CECON CAN "SERVE AS AN AGENT FOR TRANSMITTING LISTS OF PRODUCTS SUBMITTED BY LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES FOR INCLUSION IN THE GSP", I CANNOT PREDICT WITH CERTAINTY THE U.S. REGULATIONS FOR ACCEPTING SUCH LISTS. IT MAY BE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT LISTS OF PRODUCTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS THERE IS SOME JUSTIFICATION GIVEN FOR EACH PRODUCT ON THE LIST. WE WILL, OF COURSE, INFORM THE CECON IMMEDIATELY AND FULLY WHEN DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE ON THESE PROCEDURES AND WE WILL ASSIST IN THEIR UTILIZATION TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE.

PARAGRAPH 7 URGES PRIOR AND EFFECTIVE CONSULTATIONS

ON RECOMMENDATIONS OR PROPOSALS THAT WOULD RESTRICT LATIN AMERICAN TRADE. I CAN ASSURE THE MEMBER COUNTRIES THAT THE U.S. CONTINUES TO TRY TO CONSULT WITH COUNTRIES THAT MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY PROPOSED U.S. TRADE ACTIONS. HOWEVER, YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THERE MAYBE CERTAIN EMERGENCY CASES WHERE PRIOR CONSULTATION WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE.

FINALLY, I WANT TO REITERATE WHAT WE HAVE SAID REPEATEDLY DURING THE DRAFTING OF THIS RESOLUTION, WITH REGARD TO PARAGRAPH 8. THAT IS, ANY DETAILED DISCUSSION OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATION TOPICS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN GENEVA; THE CONSULTATIONS IN CECON REFERRED TO IN THIS PARAGRAPH WOULD BE EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION AND NOT NEGOTIATIONS.

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WITH THOSE COMMENTS, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WANT TO SAY AGAIN THAT MY GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS BOTH THE SPIRIT AND THE SUBSTANCE OF THE RESOLUTION. PRESIDENT CARTER HAS BY HIS WORDS AND HIS ACTIONS SHOWN HIS COMMITMENT TO LIBERAL TRADE AND TO CONSULTATIONS WITH THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE OAS. THIS RESOLUTION IS CONSISTENT WITH THOSE ASPECTS OF U.S. POLICY.

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